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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Cornelius H. Jackson

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Title: OPTICAL WAVEGUIDES ON GLASS
SUBSTRATES AND LASERS FORMED THEREFROM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new paragraph before "Field of the Invention" beginning on page 1, line 7:

A1 -- Statement as to Priority

Benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed for U.S. provisional application Serial Nos. 60/117,477, filed January 27, 1999, and 60/162,458, filed October 29, 1999. --

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 6, with the following:

A2 Spectroscopic evaluations of the NIST-1 glass were performed to determine the cross relaxation coefficient of the Yb-Er energy transfer mechanism. The cross relaxation efficiency, η , of ytterbium to erbium ion in the glass was estimated by the inventors to be